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In re Application of:
Faan-Hoan Liu et al.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOWING COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN A HOST COMPUTER AND
AT LEAST TWO STORAGE DEVICES
OVER A SINGLE INTERFACE (AS
AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2000 in the above-
referenced patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter

the following amendment and to consider the following remarks. In compliance with the rule changes under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 with regard to “Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals”, this amendment and response is divided into three sections: (1) a clean version of the pending claims, (2) remarks and (3) a mark-up version of the amended pending claims.